Che Boer as a Soldier and Citizen

Transvaal Republic Has No Standing Army, but It Is Inhabited by Soldiers Willing to Take the Field at An Hour's Notice-Black Foes of the Boer-Incidents of Life in Kruger's Dominions-The Doppers.

The Transvaal republic has no regular standing army, nor has it any enforced system of military training, but the burghers are liable to be called upon for active service in the field at very short notice. The country is discovered in the open air, emulating a field corner presides, his official runer tions being somewhat similar to those of our justices of the peace. His judical capacity is not severely taxed, though, as it is seldom brought into requisition except in trivial cases, such as languaged and in the constant activities and impounding of cattle, and as these cases are comparatively rare his position is somewhat of a sincuruc unlease the Transval government is making and mounding of cattle, and as these cases are comparatively rare his position is somewhat of a sincuruc unlease the Transval government is making war on some of the neighboring standard production of the price continued of the price continued of the price continued of the constant activity, living a first of during and recluse in trivial cases, such as largely and symmetric and impounding of cattle, and as these cases are comparatively rare his position is somewhat of a sincuruc unlease the Transval government is making war on some of the neighboring fadility triples, the red." This combative Adonis way that his chimney smooth can be considered the constitution of the critical form the tentor of South Africa, the Transval government is making war on some of the neighboring and the word of the red of the price continued of the price continued of the price in such the history with the head.

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The Transval proper is the field to the constitution of the constant of the price in such the head of the manity, with the head of farm to farm within his jurisdiction and notify the head of the house to meet his fellow burghers at some given point. Should the Boer, apprised in this manner, have a valid excuse for not accepting service at that time, the field cornet may "commandeer" his horse, rifle or ammunition. If the farmer happen to be a rich man he may be required to give several horses to the common cause, in addition to his own services.

Boer Loves a Horse.

On one occasion I was making a short stay at a Transvaal Boer's house while convalescing from an attack of malarial fever and happened to possess an English horse, whose splendid proportions made him conspicuous among the smaller animals raised by the Dutchmen. The Boers were preparing to suppress a native insurrection on the Transvaal border and the field cornet in going his rounds noticed my horse standing in the stable of the Boer whose hospitality I was then enjoying. No standing in the stable of the poer whose hospitality I was then enjoying. No man in the world has a keener eye for a good horse or ex thans a Boer; it is one of the very few things he knows perfectly well, and he prides himself on it. My horse, I repeat, attracting the attention of the field cornet, that official instantly commandeered me for active service. I explained to the gen-tleman that I was, in the first place, an invalid and unfit for the field, and that secondly and principally, I was not a Transvall burgher and therefore exempt. He, of course, knew this, but was determined to have my steed with

claring his intention of making war. He has a bad dream or a fit of indiges-tion; his father's spirit has appeared to him or his cows are bewitched or some-Ambition of the Black.

In these days of advancing civilization, the African native is not content with his shield and assegal; he has seen so much terrific execution done by the white man's rife, that he arrently aspires to be done, no war correspondents to be consulted, no yellow journals to be moltified. The how-not-to-do-st English official, described by Dickens in "Little Dorrit" would be simply aghast & the utterly unconventional, irregular mather in which the Boer prepares for war. His field cornet tells him to meet certain men at a certain point of the certain men at a certain point of the compass, the Boer throws saddle and cridle on his borse, fastens his cartridge elt around him, puts some "biltong" sun-dried ment) and hard his nits in his (sun-dried ment) and hard his mits in his haversack, takes his trusty rifle down and is ready for the enemy. The provisions will last him for two or three days at a plach, and meanwhile he expects to come across some village belonging to the enemy which he is at liberty to raid; the chickens and goats found there will replenish his larder.

The Boers usually have comparatively little difficulty in suppressing native insurrections. The South African tribes are not combined; they will sometimes but the strictest scrutiny of the officials

are not combined; they will sometimes are not combined; they will sometimes go off like so many firecrackers, one after the other, but they rarely break out at the same time, and the Boers do not allow the neighboring natives to arra themselves and get ready before declaring war. They have wars of finding out what a native chief's intentions are, sometimes before he has clearly unade up his own mind; in that case are arrived for the surface of the strainer. The guns sold to these Pondos were usually old filmi-lock muskets, at which are early eliging relief to guns sold to these Pondos were unade up his own mind; in that case



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teriy barbarous African natives) once for twelve months and can speak on this point from personal observation. In that country a teader was not per-mitted to seld guns or ammunition to the natives and any guns brought into

Willie Vogel's nobility was satisfied by this confession, and that the beautiful Sesielja Johanna Wilhimina lived happlly ever after.

Better Stable Than House.

When a Boer selects a site for building purposes his first care is to erect a good stable for the horses; that is, the favorite riding horses for the family, and it will frequently happen that the stable is far superior in appearance and comfort to the family residence. If the Boer is successful in gathering in the shekels, his growing children may im-portune him until he consents to build a more elegant mansion. I once called at a Boer's farm a few days after the finishing touches had been given to the falled in the mission my newly found "oom" had sent me on. "Tante" insisted that the house had become like a second self to her, she had no patience the state of the s with the new-fangled notions the chil-dren were everlastingly pastering her with; if that was all the good that came

considered this the finest example of high art in the whole wide, wide world, and would get so absorbed in contemplating it that his pipe would sometimes go out. The arrangement and siyle of the furniture was in keeping with the paint. Certainly if effect was what my respected unnie was driving at he had hit the bull's eye that shot. The poorer Roers for lifty miles round would come and gape at that house, and then go hame wondering when they would be rich enough to live in such a paradise, I would have prolonged my stay with this worthy family had it not been that one of the gris voltinitered to give me a specimen of her bloading school policies.

hardly be dignified by calling it ambition, since when they do acculre money it appears to make no difference to their habits. To my tale, however.

It was near sandown and masses of ominous clouds, as black as a tinker's pot, were gathering in the west. Every now and then a clap of thunder would make my horse snort with fright. An African thunderstorm is something which would make even King Lear seek the nearest shelter, and I looked for one. A mile or so from the road I was on I saw a small house, and I dashed my steed at it, reaching the door just us the rain came pelting down in sheets. It proved to be a Dopper's house, who, seeing me approach, down in sheets. It proved to be a Dopper's house, who, seeing me approach, had opened the door for me. Giving my horse to a scantily attired Hotentot boy I lost no time in accepting the Boer's invitation to enter. The first thing I noticed was that my host's "onderbaatjie" (vest) had a thick cobweb spun across the opening above the top button. I observed it in a casual way, without trying to conjecture how it came there, but I subsequently came to the conclusion that it happened on account of the Dopper's never taking his clothes off. There were three young men and two full grown young women in the "zit kaamer" (sitting room), besides "oom" and "tante," and three or four young children. The boys had just returned with the "old man from ploughing and were then shout to clipy the luxury of a Lutch hath. There cl joy the luxury of a Lutch bath. There were only two rooms in the house, the sitting-eating-drawing-smoking-working-courting room, in which we all were, and the kitchen. The three boys and pa had removed their "veidischoens"—they wore no socks—and exhibited a considerable amount of real estate on their ankles. A Hottentot girl came in with a dish of hot water and a rag, and beginning with the old man, she went the round of the ploughmen, washing the four pairs of substantial feet in the same bowl of water. Oom then took the "vaddook," or dish cloth, which the servant girl had used, and after wringing it partially dry, wheel his face with it and then passed it to the nearest son, who having completed his abilitions passed the rag to his brothers. The last Boer's face left you in considerable doubt as to whether he had cleaned one-half or dirtied the al joy the luxury of a Dutch bath. There

I sincerely trust that the noble Mr.

Family Bedroom. My host pointed my bed out to me and set the example by turning in as he was, after removing his coat. I don't know why he removed his coat; perhaps he was afraid of creasing it. The old lady, after seeing that the sons were in position, blev the light out. I was at first glad she did this, because sheeks, his growing children hay harportune him until he consents to build a more elegant mansion. I once called at a Boer's farm a few days after the finishing touches had been given to the new house and the Dutchman took a childlike pride in showing me every nook and corner. The old house where he and "tante" had seen many ups and downs during thirty years of conjugal association was a thatched roof, green brick building, with mud floors, standing at the head of a fine orchard. Up to the time of my visit the family had not been able to induce the old lady to move into the new heuse. I had a talk with her on the subject, and apparently failed in the mission my newly found. "Gom" had sent me on. "Tante" ina buil frog green with envy. And then he had so many surprises in store for you. Just when you expected him to get right down to basso profundo he would emit a sibiliating sound like an engine letting off steam; then he would choke and gurgle violently, and just when you were half hoping an apoplectic fit had started in, he would tune up again as lively as ever. Every last one of the

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nany encounters with the Boers is the many encounters with the Boers is the battle of Boomplaats, fought in 1845 between artillery and flint-lock guns. It is, therefore, nousense to take refuge behind the lack of generalship, of our lenders. If such factors as courage and leadership do not come into the controversy, except to a very limited extent, in what direction must we look for the exception of our defeats?

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At Laing's Neck the action began by our guns dropping a few shells into the Boer lines, and, as admitted by the Boers themselves, the small loss they suffered from this fire—General Joubert was nearly hit by a splinter of a shell—induced them to think seriously of abandoning the position. They were about to leave when the attack by a small number of mounted infantry and by a few companies of Colonel Deane's regiment was made, Only one of our men reached the Boer lines, the others being stopped a short distance away; and, as they were unsupported, these were driven back down the hill. Result: ance's sake. The storm still raged violently, and I saw it was no use attempting to continue my journey before
morning. I then began wondering if
there were any buildings near at hand
where the fruily slept. I was not left
in doubt long. The room we were in
had a loft, and shortly after supper
one of the boys climbed a ladder and
began throwing feather beds down
from the loft. The other boys moved
the dining table to the side of the room
and began arranging the beds in a circle in the middle of the floor. This,
then, was our tedroom as well.

Family Bedroom.

wounded.

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